

**Fairview Community Council  
General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**November 8, 2007  
Fairview Recreation Center**

Meeting called to order by Chair Darrel Hess at 7:05 pm.

Reports:

Harry Deuber gave the Treasurer's Report.

<b>Beginning Balance – Sept. 18, 2007</b>	<b>\$5,725.62</b>
<u>Debits</u>	
9/24/07 Ck# 1116 Alaska's Best Water	\$41.25
10/10/07Ck# 1117 ACS - Patrol hotline	\$19.46
10/10/07Ck# 1119 ACS - Patrol hotline	\$19.29
Total Debits	\$80.00
<u>Deposits</u>	
	\$0.00
<b>Ending Balance – Oct 15, 2007</b>	<b>\$5,645.62</b>

Guests and Presentations:

*Paul Baril and Pat Krochina - NVision*

Paul Baril said NVision is a new firm formed after the merger of two architecture firms. They were looking for a building, and found one that suited their needs at 13<sup>th</sup> and Gambell. They think Fairview is in need of revitalization, and want to be part of that. Pat Krochina said that one of the goals of their partnership with Restoration Ventures is to take properties that are old and rundown and revitalize them. They will be painting their new building and landscaping the property. They are concerned that the municipality wants to take about 7 feet of their property for a bus pull-in. They think it should be at the northwest corner instead.

Dan Loring thanked NVision for coming into the neighborhood, and also thanked them for their work designing Fairview Elementary School. He said it's beautiful, and thanked them for their commitment to help with the revitalization of the neighborhood. The Neighborhood Plan committee has been discussing how to develop the covers on the Highway-to-Highway connection. Dan encouraged them to come to these committee meetings and get involved.

*Sharon Chamard – report on Jerry Jenkins' presentation at November Executive Board meeting*

This was a short summary of presentation made at the November Board meeting by Jerry Jenkins, the Executive Director of Anchorage Community Mental Health Services. Mr. Jenkins spoke of his plans to construct a combination drop-in/treatment center to serve the homeless population. The planned location is on 4<sup>th</sup> and Ingra across from the Brother Francis Shelter. Ron Alleva said we need to nip this in the bud. He said he wants to propose a resolution to get Bean's Café and Brother Francis Shelter moved out of the area. Darrel Hess said the redevelopment of downtown makes this a good time to seriously look at this, and said the Council will stay on top of this.

*Darrel Hess – committee restructuring*

Darrel listed the three proposed committees and their duties. Beautification: raising funds to buy flowers for neighborhood plantings; enlisting businesses, organizations and individuals to adopt and maintain neighborhood plantings; helping to plant and maintain neighborhood plantings through the Fairview Flower Patrol; other areas to

be determined by the Executive Board and the committee. Neighborhood Revitalization: would be a reformed version of the Neighborhood Plan committee, encompassing the Neighborhood Plan; zoning; Merrill Field; the Highway-to-Highway and other transportation projects; managing and prioritizing the Council's yearly Capital Improvement Program requests; other areas to be determined by the Executive Board and the committee. Public Safety: working with the Fairview Community Patrol; working with problem landlords in the neighborhood; working with APD, including prioritizing the Council's public safety concerns and working with APD on strategies to deal with these concerns; reviewing applications for new liquor licenses and license renewals, and making recommendations to the Executive Board and Council; other areas to be determined by the Executive Board and the committee. Two committees would be eliminated. Zoning would be folded into the Neighborhood Revitalization committee, and Education would be eliminated as a standing committee. Darrel said there has been a lot of discussion about whether the Council should be involved in education. Is this the will of the membership? Darrel said that if people want an Education committee, they have to be willing to step forward and get involved. Dan Loring said that when he was President of the Council, this committee was formed because members of the community came to the Council and said one particular school, Fairview Elementary, was a concern. There was unanimous consent of the membership to form an Education committee. Dan said that the committee is not very active now because it is waiting to work on the Education Plan. The Education Plan is referenced in the Neighborhood Plan, and he said he assumed that when the Neighborhood Plan was finished, the Council would ratchet up efforts on the Education Plan. He said he was distressed that Darrel Hess did not contact him before the November Executive Board meeting, and he was shocked to hear that Darrel planned to wipe away all the efforts of the Education committee.

There was some animated discussion about the circumstances under which the Education Committee was established, and the effectiveness of the Executive Board in carrying out requests made of it by the Education Committee.

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#### Committee and Community Reports:

##### *Public Safety - Sharon Chamard*

Sharon reported that she and Lee Ross have been meeting with a group to deal with the problems caused by food distribution to the homeless and street inebriates at 13<sup>th</sup> and Gambell. The group has been successful in convincing all but one of the food distributors to relocate their activities to the area around Bean's Café. Someone from the head office of the state's Faith-Based Initiatives Office is coming to Anchorage in a few weeks, and will reach out to the one remaining food distributors to request her compliance.

The Anchorage Police Department's problem-oriented policing unit has been underway for a couple of months. They are in the "scanning" phase now, and after much observation of Fairview streets, consultation with the Public Safety Committee, and attendance at community meetings, they have tentatively identified three problems—chronic public inebriates, drug markets, and street prostitution—and a general geographic area—around 13<sup>th</sup> and Gambell—as the focus of their upcoming interventions.

Ron Alleva said we're creating a subculture of people who have a sense of entitlement, and we need to get Bean's and Brother Francis Shelter closed. He said we should put together a resolution.

#### Community Comments and Concerns:

Dan Loring asked what the process will be for restructuring the committees. Darrel Hess said the matter will be discussed at the Executive Board meeting in December, and then voted on by the General Membership in December.

Pat Krochina asked about why there is a need for a project at 13<sup>th</sup> and Gambell. The background for the Highway Safety Improvement Project there was presented and discussed.

Garry Gilliam said he met recently with the Downtown Partnership and CHARR. The Army is bringing back about 3,500 troops in the next few weeks. MPs will be in the neighborhood. The problem-oriented policing project will focus on inebriates, prostitutes, and open-air drug markets. The unit has two patrol officers now, and two more will be added in January 2008. The unit may have as many as 15 officers when it is fully staffed.

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Ron Alleva asked if we are going to do anything to honor Martha Plummer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Chamard, Vice President.